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ABSTRACT

This book presents essays inspired by an October, 1988, conference on recent changes in the relationship between public policy and higher education. The essays appear in five sections, the first of which, titled "Looking Backward: The Historical Context of Public Policy and Higher Education," serves as a retrospective and prospective examination of the relationship between public policy and the higher education sector. The section contains three papers, by Francis Keppel, David Breneman and Maxine Greene, respectively. Section II, "The Tenuous Connection: Public Policy and Higher Education Quality," addresses recent increases in federal and state funding of higher education and the attendant quality and accountability issues. Contributors to this section are Gordon Davies, Amy Gutmann, and Denis Doyle. Section III, "The Goal of Diversity in Higher Education," explores the link between education and opportunity with contributions from Robert Zemsky, Reginald Wilson, Alan Ginsburg, and Maureen McLaughlin. Section IV, called "Budgetary Efficiency: The Federal and State Commitment in the Face of Severe Federal Budget Deficits" examines trends and conflicts related to recent cutbacks and looks at strategies for improving efficiency. Authors of the three papers in this section are Arthur Hauptman, Terry Hartle, and Walter McMahon. Section V, "Conclusion: Coping With the uneasy Triangle-The Tradeoff Continues," contains two final papers by Lawrence Gladieux and William Byron respectively. The text includes tables and charts. References follow some papers, and an index is provided. (JB)

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